

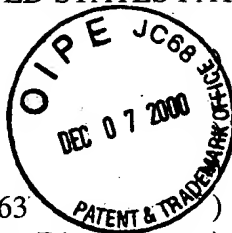
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In The Reissue Of

U.S. Pat. No. 5,413,774

Reissue Serial No. 09/115,963

For: Long-Lasting Aqueous Dispersions )  
Or Suspensions Of Pressure- )  
Resistant Gas-filled Microvesicles )  
And Methods For The Preparation )  
Thereof. )



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend this reissue application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

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Please cancel claims 4-6, 23-25, and 27-29. ✓✓✓✓

Please amend the following claims without prejudice:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of making a contrast agent having resistance against collapse from pressure increases when used in ultrasonic echography, said contrast agent consisting of gas-filled microvesicles suspended in an aqueous liquid carrier phase, the microvesicles being microbubbles filled with a physiologically acceptable gas wherein the gas is bounded by a stabilizing layer of one or more film forming phospholipids in lamellar or laminar form at the gas/liquid interface [bounded by an evanescent gas/liquid interfacial closed surface], said method comprising the step of forming the microvesicles in the presence of the [a physiologically acceptable gas, said] physiologically acceptable gas [being] selected from the